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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

Physicians and Midwives—Registration Required. (Reg. Bd. of H., Mar. 5, 1915.)

SECTION 1. All physicians and all midwives who practice their calling within the corporate limits of the city of Newport News must register their names and addresses with the secretary of the board of health. No person shall exercise the duties of the midwife in the absence of an attending physician without first obtaining from the health officer, or his deputy, a permit to do so. This permit shall be exercised subject to such other rules and regulations as the board of health may adopt, and shall be good for only 12 months, unless sooner revoked by the health officer.

Births and Deaths—Registration of. (Reg. Bd. of H., Mar. 5, 1915.)

SEC. 2. Every physician or midwife practicing in the corporation under whose charge or superintendence a birth shall hereafter take place shall make true and exact register of such birth in ink on blanks furnished by the board of health, for which purpose a supply of blanks shall be kept on hand by said physician or midwife. This from shall set forth, as far as can be ascertained, the full name of the child (if name has been conferred, if not, a supplementary report containing name must be sent in later), its sex, color, full name and occupation of its parents, the date and place of birth, and such other data as may be necessary to properly record the facts. This certificate must be duly signed by the doctor or midwife, and sent to the office of the board of health within 10 days from the birth of the child. In case the birth of a child shall occur without the attendance of a physician or midwife, or should no other person be in attendance upon the mother immediately thereafter, it shall become the duty of the parent or parents of such child to report its birth to the board of health in a manner and within the above period required. Reports of births must include all above four months in utero. Failure to comply with the provisions of this section will be punishable by a fine not less than \$2 nor more than \$10.

SEC. 3. The board of health shall provide books and bookkeeping devices, in which shall be registered the returns made to it of the births and deaths which may occur within the corporation, together with such other information as may be indicated by the standard forms approved by the bureau of the census at Washington. The registry of births and deaths shall be kept in separate records, with general indexes to same, and said registers shall at all times be accessible to the public, under such restrictions as may be imposed by the board of health. Said registers shall, when possible, be kept in a fireproof receptacle, and, after a reasonable time, be filed with the clerk of the court as a part of the corporation records.

SEC. 4. Whenever any person shall die within the limits of the corporation it shall be the duty of the physician who attended such person during his or her last illness, or of the coroner when the case comes within the range of his duties, to furnish within 24 hours after death in question a certificate, written in ink, to the board of health, setting forth as far as can be ascertained the name, name of parents, age, color, residence, place of birth, occupation, condition, date, and cause of death of person de-

ceased. Any physician who shall neglect or refuse to make the reports herein required shall be fined not less than \$2 nor more than \$10 for each offense.

SEC. 5. In case of any person who shall die within the corporation without the attendance of a physician or if the attending physician neglects or refuses to furnish the certificate required, it shall be the duty of any undertaker who may have charge of the burial and the right of any other person acquainted with the facts of the case to report the same to the health board, who shall thereupon be authorized to give the required certificate, provided it be not a case requiring the attendance of the coroner.

Burial—Permit Required. (Reg. Bd. of H., Mar. 5, 1915.)

SEC. 6. No interment of the dead body of any human being or disposition thereof in any tomb, vault, or cemetery within the corporation limits or in any cemetery or by any other means within the limits of the corporate jurisdiction shall be made without a permit granted therefor by the board of health, not otherwise than in accordance therewith. And no permit shall be issued by the said board except on presentation first of a duly executed certificate of death; nor shall any permit be issued for burial in private or in places other than those provided and recognized as public cemeteries; and no sexton, undertaker, or other person shall assist in or assent to, to allow such interment or other disposition for which such permit has not been given authorizing same, and it shall be the duty of every person having such permit to preserve and return the same to the board of health as provided in section 8, and any person violating this section may be fined not less than \$2 nor more than \$10 for each offense.

SEC. 7. No undertaker or other person shall remove from the city the remains of any dead person to any place beyond the corporation limits without first procuring a permit to do so from the board of health, under the penalty of a fine of not less than \$2 nor more than \$10 for each offense.

SEC. 8. Every sexton or other person or official in charge of any cemetery or burial ground within the limits of the jurisdiction of the city of Newport News shall, on the first of each month, make a report to the board of health of all burials made by him or his assistants during the preceding month, which report shall contain all items of information relative to the said decedent called for in the forms furnished for that purpose by the board of health.

Communicable Diseases—Notification of Cases—Quarantine—Vaccination—Hospitalization—Placarding—Disinfection—School Attendance—Burial. (Reg. Bd. of H., Mar. 5, 1915.)

SECTION 1. Wherever it shall appear to the satisfaction of the board of health that a malignant or contagious disease prevails without the jurisdiction of the city of Newport News, endangering the health of the community, it shall be their duty to declare a quarantine against the introduction of said disease into the city, and make such regulations for the preservation of the health of the citizens as may be necessary to protect them.

SEC. 2. Immediately upon receipt of the information of any case of smallpox, scarlet fever, diphtheria, measles, typhoid fever, or other contagious or infectious disease existing within the city of Newport News, it shall be the duty of the health officer or his agent to visit the case or cases, and, in his discretion, establish a strict quarantine on any or all persons on the premises, or to remove the case to a detention hospital or camp, and quarantine the persons remaining for such time as in his discretion may be necessary. He shall report to the chief of police the names of all persons violating the quarantine, and the chief of police shall thereupon cause the arrest and removal to a detention camp any person disobeying quarantine orders.